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Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003.

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$110.00, which covers the fee for a one-month extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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